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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
MICHIGAN COMPETITIVENESS

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 2:30 p.m. Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Michigan Competitiveness was called to order by the Chair.

Chairman Chatfield requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, and Yancey.

Members absent/excused: None

Representative Rendon moved to approve the minutes from the February 7th, 2018 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid Senate Bill Nos. 652 - 654 before the committee:

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| SB 652 | (Casperson) | Administrative procedure; rules; environmental rules; establish a special review committee. |
| SB 653 | (Booher) | Environmental protection; permits; permit appeal panel; create. |
| SB 654 | (Robertson) | Environmental protection; other; Michigan environmental science advisory board; create. |

Senator Casperson and Representative Vanderwall, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Jason Greer, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, and Andy Such, representing the Michigan Manufactures Association, all testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, Robert Gordon, representing the Sierra Club, and Nicholas Occhipinti, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, all testified in opposition to Senate Bill Nos. 652 and 653. Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

James A. Ault, representing the Michigan Electric and Gas Association.

Bill Lieueuse, representing the Foundry Association of Michigan.

Josh Lunger, representing the Grand Rapid Chamber.

Mark Griffin, representing the Michigan Petroleum Association.

Garrett Jones, representing the Michigan Soybean Association, the Michigan Ground Water Association, and St. Marys Cement Inc.

Erin McDonough, representing the Michigan Oil and Gas Association.

Chris Iannuzzi, representing Consumers Energy.
John Dulmes, representing the Michigan Chemistry Council.
Tonia Olson, representing the Michigan Waste and Recycling Association.
Mike Wenkel, representing the Potato Growers of Michigan.
Winston Feeheley, representing DTE Energy.
Diane Middleton, representing the Midland Chamber of Commerce.
Bob Van Deventer, representing the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce.
Jason Puscas, representing the Detroit Chamber of Commerce.
Mark Henderson, representing Nu-Wool.
Jim Weeks, representing the Michigan Municipal Electric Association
Sue Schlaybaugh, representing the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association.
Natalie Abraham, representing the American Petroleum Institute.
Tom Anthos, representing the TriMedia Environmental and Engineering Service.
Joe Quandt, representing Kuhn Rogers PLC.

The following individuals submitted a card in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Cyndi Roper, representing the Natural Resources Defense Council.
Bill Wood, representing the West Michigan Environmental Action Council.
Ron Khoury, representing the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.
Sarah Howes, representing the Department of Environmental Quality.

The following individuals submitted a card in opposition to Senate Bills No. 652 and 653, but did not wish to speak:

Bryan Burroughs, representing Michigan Trout Unlimited.
Sean McBrearty, representing Michigan Clean Water Action.
Alexis Blizman, representing the Ecology Center.
Liz Kirkwood, representing For Love of Water.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair_____

Sondra Gordon, Committee Clerk
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